Service Between Washington and

New York Much Faster

Than Was Hoped

Project Experiment Only So Far As Using Aviation For

New Purpose

The war department has furnished twelve large training planes for use in the new service. Aviators have been detailed from the ranks of fight-

im speed of ninety miles an hour, are

bombing machine. They are one-scat

ers as a maximum of space is desired

in the fuselage for the storing of mail

The schedule provides for the depar

will carry about half that amount.

Emergency landing fields will be es

tablished at Baltimore and Havre de

Grace, Maryland; Wilmington, Dela-

ware and at either Princeton or New

Brunswick, New Jersey. In the case

of a machine breaking down at some

interurban point in its journey, the

mail sacks will be rushed by motor

truck to the nearest railroad station

where they will be sent forward in care

The rate of postage has been estab

lished by law at twenty-four cents an

ounce or fraction thereof. However

this entittes the sender to have the let-

ter forwarded to the addresses by spec-

ial delivery service, in case the air

plane arrives too late for the regular

Letters mailed at Washington, Phil-

adelphia or New York for delivery

in any part of the country may have

ters have designated the stations and

the hours at which letters for airplane

A special stamp has been designed for the new service. It has a red bor

The first stamp was sold to Postmas

ter-General Burleson who addressed letter to Postmaster Patten, of New

the letter was autographed by Presi

consignment of mail directed to New

The letter will be sold at auc

der, and shows an airplane in flight of

their delivery facilitated

despatch may be mailed.

Special Stamp Used

a blue field.

Rates Established

city deliveries.

Schedule Now Exceeded

KATHERINE STINSON

# RESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE ARE REPORTED COM

Approximately Two Million Men Backed By Tremendous Concentration of Big Guns Are Waiting Orders

## Entente Leaders Believe Attack Will Come Within Next Few Days From Air Activity and Heavy Firing

NEW YORK, May 24—(Associated Press)—The German preparations for the recommendation of the formula of the feature of the featur arations for the resumption of their grand offensive are reported now to be completed and the Teutonic armies, aggregating a total of practically two million fighting men, backed by tremendous concentrations of artillery, only await the order to launch themselves in one more desperate effort for victory.

That this order will come within the next few days is regarded by the Entente general staffs as certain. The Allies are awaiting the German blow with supreme confidence in their ability to defeat the worst the enemy can bring against them.

#### AIR ENGAGEMENTS FREQUENT

Yesterday was marked by extremely violent artillery duels and by an extraordinary number of air battles. The British, French and American aviators ranged far and wide behind the German lines, seeking combat. This the Germans offered whenever it was possible to outnumber the Allies, despite which fact the great majority of the victories fell to the Entente.

In one exploit the Germans scored. Eluding the Allied air patrols, a squadron circled over one of the British hospitals, well behind the lines and rained bombs upon the Red Cross establishment. The success of the raiders was such that hundreds of wounded men and many nurses and attendants were killed and wounded by the bombs or by the following the following the following the submitted to the government has proposed visit to the documents as he seeks to take with him shall be submitted to the government. by the bombs or by the flying fragments of buildings.

During the night the Germans also raided Paris, succeeding go. in reaching the city, despite the air barrage. A number of bombs submit. vere dropped within the city proper by the thirty raiding machines. tion conferees, has informed them that one Parisian was killed and twelve injured.

## ATTACK MILITARY DEPOTS

While these feats were being performed, the Allied flyers were him to the Irish government authorities for approval. The mayor has absolutely declined and still refuses to so busy attacking the military depots and fortifications of the enemy British planes dropped eighteen tons of bombs on the German airdomes and billets back of their lines in France. Another raiding party bombed the workers attempting to clear the obstructions sunk in the Zeebrugge harbor, one British bomb sinking a German destroyer by a direct hit.

British raiders on Wednesday night bombed the chloride works a sensation. at Mannheim, starting a big fire, and showered the railroad lines leading into Liege, now being used heavily by the Germans in shift-

During the twenty-four hours the British shot down and des troyed thirty-one German planes, including two large battle planes, besides driving a number down out of control. In addition, two observation balloons were destroyed. The British lost only three machines during the day. Whether the aviators were killed or captured is not known, the machines being posted as missing.

## FRENCH AIRMEN ACTIVE

The French airmen have been most busy since the weather cleared on Saturday and extensive airwork has been made possible. Since that time one hundred and five air combats have been officially reported, in which the French have scored heavily. Practically the gatherings of Shriners throughout all the fighting took place over the German lines, which saved many the country, was auctioned yesterday of the enemy from capture after they had been forced to land. Out of the hundred and five battles in the air, the German machines were doubling the amount heretofore secured destroyed in thirty-seven instances and forced to land out of control, for the Red Cross through the continuin sixty others. During the same period, eight German balloons have been destroyed.

## ARTILLERY MORE VIOLENT

The German artillery was heaviest yesterday along those fronts it where it is expected their coming blows will be struck. On the 15 south side of the Flanders salient the fire attained hurricane proportions at times. In Northern France, between Albert and Lens, on the Ancre Valley front and in the Avre Valley the big guns were employed throughout the day.

# AMERICAN AVIATORS HOLDING THEIR OWN

-Great activity on the part of American aviators is noted in the despatches from France. Two big German planes have been downed, it is reported.

In the Toul sector the gas attack on the Germans on Wednesday is report-

ed to have been highly successful.
General Haig with his British forces pils and has raided the foe's lines around Hebuterne. He also penetrat- | Monte Spinoncia.

WASHINGTON, May 23-(Official) | ed the enemy lines at two points south east of Arras, taking prisoners and machine guns.
East of Amicus there has been heavy

Behind the German lines troop move

ments are continuing heavy.

Reports from the Italian front tell of successes by the Italian forces which has repulsed the Germans near Mes- took fifty-three prisoners when they destroyed the Austrian positions at roster of the club since he led the Bull

## Louisiana First Stale To Vote Against Amendment

BATON BOUGE, Louisiana, May 24—(Associated Press)—After the lower house had gone on record as in favor of the amendment to the federal constitution which will give the country prohibition from ocean to ocean and from lakes to guif the to ocean and from lakes to gulf the senate late yesterday afternoon, by a single vote, falled to put Louisiana on record for the abolition of the liquer traffic.

The house yesterday adopted the resolution endorsing and ratifying the proposed prohibition constitutional amendment and recorded a

handsome majority in its favor. The vote in the senate was a tie and as it requires a majority vote in each house of the legislature for adoption this state went on record as opposed to prohibition, the first of eleven states which have voted on proposal to stand in opposition. count now is ten states for the desent and one against.

Cannot Come To United States Unless Documents Are Approved-He Refuses

shall be submitted to the government of Ireland for approval before he can These documents he refuses to so

Balfour, writing to the anti-conscrip no passport will be issued to Dublin's mayor unless he shall submit all docu ments which he purposes to take with submit a message which has been entrusted to him for delivery to President

Mrs. Emily Ricketts, sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, Irish political leader, died yesterday in a workouse hospital. The news has caused

Oklahoma Auctions Off Famous Sack For \$50,000 and Sends It On

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24-(Associ ated Press) -The Shrinets' sack of flour, which has been sold at many of at the gathering of the Oklahoma Temple for fifty thousand dollars, this ous selling of the sack.

This word was telegraphed yesterday to Islam Temple, by Clarence F. Pratt, who is taking the sack from one temple to another, with the plan of having it offered for sale in each. The sack is well protected for its trip, which will be seventy-five thousand miles be fore it has visited every shrine in North If was given a America, as planned. woven covering of lauhala in Hawaii. copper band reinforcements in Colorado them on the first part of the journey and now a raw hide covering in Orline by sirplane. In each city postmas

# REPUBLICAN CLUB

NEW YORK, May 24-(Associated York. After cancellation of the stamp Press) - Peace is restored to the Republican party. No longer is former President Wilson, and placed in the first dent Roosevelt "outside the breast-works." The past is to be forgotten The past is to be forgotten York. and the doughty Colonel is to be once tion, the proceeds to be devoted to more in good standing with the chasms war relief. all bridged and old wounds healed.

Moose movement against Taft.

During the first months of the serv At a meeting of the Republican club ice no flights will be made when sform the top are continuing onward. The ald last night it was voted to reinstate conditions make the journey very pre managers are especially pleased with held last night it was voted to reinstate conditions make the journey very pre Colonel Roosevelt who has been off the carious. On those days the sacks will

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## Rose Pastor Stokes Is Convicted Of Being Disloyal

Wife of Wealthy New Yorker, Prominent Lecturer, Found **Guilty of Making Seditious** Statements by Federa! Court

KANSAS CITY, May 24—(Associated Press)—Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, widely known as a lecturer, the wife of the wealthy Socialist, J. G. Phelps Stokes of New York, was convicted MEETS WITH DELAYS yesterday on an indictment brought un-der the Espionage Act for disloyal and Britain To seditious statements made in lectures Bondage K and in letters to the press. She was ar-rested on March 22, pleaded not guilty before Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh on April 23 and has been on trial for the

NEW YORK, May 24—(Associated Press)—United States mail from Washington reached here yesterday one hundred and thirty-five minutes after it had been officially despatched from the capital, this being three-quarters of an hour faster than he scheduled drawn up when the air mail service was put into effect a few days ago. Yesterday's mail was brought by two machines, equipped with Liberty motors. The machines averaged faster than two miles a minute.

Air mail from Chicago, being brought by Katherine Stinson, new regularly sworn into the postal acryice, was delayed. The famous young aviatrix was forced to stop at Blighsampton, New York, after mis ling a flight of seven hundred and eighty-three miles. She states that she would have completed her non-stop flight to New York ascept for the fact that her supply of gasoline had become exhausted.

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every citizen in its war aims.'
"I made no such statement and I believe in no such thing. No govern-ment, which is for the profiteers, can also he for the people and I am for the people, while the government is for the profiteers." so the only real obstacles in the way of successfully operating the new air line lies in maintaining service under all kinds of weather conditions.

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All three counts of the indictment against Mrs. Stokes were based on this letter, Mr. Wilson said, and he also called before the grand jury witnesses telling of her subsequent addresses and statements made by her supporting and amplifying the views she set forth in the letter, he said.

WASHINGTON, May 23—(Associated Press)—Railroad workmen are to get their increases in wages but whether increases in wages but whether an increase will be the full raise which was advised in the report of the railroad wage committee has not been announced.

Director of Transportation McAdoo has sent to the public printers the order which will increase the wages of railroad employees and it is expected that the orders will be increase.

# ing airmen, as war department officials feel that the newly-commissioned fliers will acquire valuable training in piloting the big mail carriers over long cross-country flights. The planes, each capable of a minimize built along the lines of the regulation

New Regulations Will Put Idlers To Work and Take Men From Useless Positions

ture of one place each day from both Washington and New York. The machines leave promptly at 11:30 in the morning. Starting from the Mall in WASHINGTON, May 24-(Associat Washington, near the Washington Press)-Enter a useful occupation monument, the trip to Philadelphia fight for your country is the burden about 135 miles, was expected to be of the orders which will be given to made in about an hour and twent; registrants under the Selective Draft minutes. At the hangars in North Phil aw in accord with the amendments adelphia another machine is waiting, ready to start the flight to New York which were yesterday announced by Provost Marshal General Crowder as soon us the incoming plane lauds These new regulations are most drastic and the transfer of mail bags is made. The second leg of the journey, from All habitual idlers and all those who re not engaged in useful occupations Philadelphia to Belmont field, in the if they come within the draft age and long Island suburbs of New York, are registered under the law, are to should be readily made in about an be brought before the local draft hour. The larger planes carry about 600 pounds of mail, or approximately 24,000 letters. The smaller machines oards to receive their instructions

which will be plain and to the point, work or fight". Such registrants ire to be given their choice. may get a job if they are not working job in some useful business if they already have a non essential occu pation, or they must go into the army. These new regulations may include aseball players. It will certainly in lude gamblers, race track and oom touts, attendants and hangers on, bucket shop attendants, elevator operators, store clerks, club and hotel atendants, as waiters and hall boys and

This list may be extended from time o time but at present legitimate actors are not included nor are other legitimate entertainers for entertainment and relaxation for the actual workers

are deemed necessary. It is expected that this plan will save many of the labor problems, furnish workers for the farms, shippards and munition factories and to stop all talk as to the conscription of labor.

## totals in **Hawaii** PLEASE RED CROSS

Managers Express Their Satisfaction At Cables Received

WASHINGTON, May 23-(Official) Incomplete returns show that about 50,000,000 has thus far been raised for the Red Cross. The other half is egarded as already assured and a large versubscription will be sought.

Several states have already complet-I their quota and after going over the cabled reports from Hawaii and with Tokio, Guam and Shanghai as

# FOR NEED OF ARMY

# Leader Comes From Secretary Baker Replace Karl Much

LONDON, May 24-(Associated Press)—Sir Henry Joseph Wood, recognized as one of the great musical leaders of Great Britain, has accepted the position as conductor of the Boston Symphony, from which position Karl Much, the famous German conductor was recently discharged. ductor was recently discharged. Herr Much became the center of a controversy when he refused to Star Spangled Banner, claiming that it was not music worthy of his organization. While he finally consented to conduct his musicians in this air, his position b tenable and he was obliged to drop

AcAdoo Sends Orders To Public Printer - Will Amount To Three Hundred Millions

WASHINGTON, May 23-(Associat-

which will increase the wages of rail-road employes and it is expected that the orders will be issued within the next four days.

In the absence of direct statements it is intimated that the increase.

it is intimated that the increases grant ed will amount to and probably exceed \$300,000,000 annually.

# No vast salaries for heads of roads

WASHINGTON, May 23-(Official)-Director of Railroads McAdoo will retain the services of some of the railin that capacity, using them in managerial directorate capacities but it is entirely unlikely that any \$100,000 salaries will be paid. He has announced that none of the operating staffs are to be disturbed at the present time.

# CANADIANS DEMAND WAGE EQUAL TO THAT

VANCOUVER, May 24-(Associated Press)-Higher wages paid in the Unit trouble here. Workers in the Dominion

the ship yards here will be idle today,

that it is the intention of the unions to pay wages equal to those which now prevail in the ship yards of the United

# FAIL TO GET AWAY

WASHINGTON, May 23-(Associated Press) -Advices to the Italian embassy here say that the Italian erew which penetrated into the Austrian naval base Pola, on the Adriatic, and which penetrated into the Austrian naval base Pola, on the Adriatic, and torpedoed a 20,000 ton battleship, have been captured, being unable to extricate themselves after sinking the big

#### RIVETING RECORDS DO NOT LAST TWO DAYS

only one day. A Pacific Coast yard's which have reached here today from gang drove 6075 rivets. The gang of neutral capitals.

In many towns there has been serious Monday.

Another workman reamed 5667 rivet Another workman reamed 5667 rivet enberg, a friend of the German kaises holes in a day, which is also a world's have been destroyed.

Asks Congress To Furnish Nineteen Billions For War Needs

## Progress Told By Representative Says Better Than Had Been Expected

W ASHINGTON, May 23— (Official) — Secretary Baker today submitted to congress the program of the war department for expenditures of \$7,-118,562,466 which will make the total the department says is required for the army nearly nineteen billions of dollars as the house of representatives has already drafted a bill which provides for expenditures amounting to \$11,300,000,000.

In presenting this program the secretary of war said it was not desired to spend all of these additional seven billions of dollars at this time but he asked for \$1,-500,000,000 cash and authority to close contracts which would require the expenditure of the balance as required.

## NEW ITEMS ASKED

The new items which were included in the budget submitted to congress today includes \$1,150,-000,000 for small arms and ammunition, for repairs and for target practise; \$545,051,522 for making machine guns, rifles and other arms; \$272,000,000 for armored cars; \$1,063,131,119 for cannon; \$2,701,394,437 for cannon ammunition; \$323,683,834 for altering artillery; \$72,000,000 for ammunition tests; \$1,000,000,000 for unspecified purposes which are to be left to the discretion of PAID IN THE STATES are to be left to the discretion of the war department and the secretary of war.

## PROGRESS TOLD

Representative Caldwell in discussing America's progress in the are now demanding wages commensu- war said that undoubtedly some rate with those that are paid in the mistakes had been made but, he Ten thousand ship builders went out declared, the United States had on strike last night by their votes and done more than had been thought possible, considering the difficul-Union officials last night declared ties imposed in the preparations to compel the imperial munitions board and the transportation of men, equipment and supplies 3000 miles overseas. He said that 90,-000 more soldiers had been sent to Pershing during the first ten days of May and that the United States would have 1,000,000, all armed and equipped, in France one year after the landing of the first contingent sent which is supposedly the last of June.

# OF KAISER WRECKED

WASHINGTON, May 23-(Official) SAN FRANCISCO, May 23—(Offi-rial)—The world's record for riveting tinues high and rioting and violence has again been broken after standing | still prevail, according to the reports

rioting and the estates of Prince Furst-

Thirty arrests were made in Prague.